DNREC announces changes to New Castle County trout stocking locations on Mill, Pike, and Red Clay creeks

Property ownership changes and construction projects prompt changes; anglers encouraged to respect private property

DOVER — Recent changes in property ownership and ongoing construction projects have prompted changes to some traditional trout stocking locations at Mill, Pike, and Red Clay creeks, DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife announced today. Trout stocking locations are unchanged this year at Beaver Run, Christina Creek, White Clay Creek, and Wilson Run.

The following locations on Mill, Pike, and Red Clay creeks will be stocked with trout in 2019:

Mill Creek

- Girl Scout Camp, 3850 Mill Creek Road
- Mill Creek Road Open Space, across the road from Mockingbird Hills Development
- Limestone Hills Park, 3045 Stoney Batter Road from Stony Batter Road Bridge upstream approximately 250 yards

<u>Pike Creek</u>

- Granville Road bridge, downstream of bridge ONLY
- Linden Hill Road bridge, downstream of bridge ONLY
- Pike Creek Road bridge

Red Clay Creek

 Benge Road bridge downstream to the Yorklyn Road Bridge (Trout will not be stocked from the Pennsylvania state line downstream to the Farm Lane bridge, due to bridge construction.)

Trout stream directional signs will be posted at Mill, Pike, and Red Clay creeks prior to opening day to help guide anglers to the stocked waters. Anglers are reminded to access only those waters that are open to public access, and to identify property boundaries and obtain permission from property owners before fishing on private lands. Landowners are not required to post their property.

Mill Creek and Pike Creek, as well as Beaver Run, Christina Creek, White Clay Creek, and Wilson Run, are being stocked prior to the trout season, and are closed to all fishing until 7 a.m. on the April 6 trout season opening day. Trout will be stocked in Red Clay Creek on April 8, at which time anglers can fish for trout as soon as the fish are stocked. All trout streams will be periodically restocked with trout during the spring trout season.

The daily possession limit is six trout per person. There is no minimum size limit for freshwater trout, in part, since they are a cold water species that survive only while water temperatures remain cool, so anglers are encouraged to keep their catch within established possession limits.

For more information, including the revised stocking schedule, click <u>Delaware Trout Season</u>. Information on fishing license and trout stamp requirements can be found at <u>Delaware Licenses</u>. For general information on fishing in Delaware, click <u>2019 Delaware Fishing Guide</u>. The guide also is available in printed form at DNREC's Dover licensing desk, and from license agents throughout the state.

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